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The Italian Ambassador and the \*South Vietnam: Apostolic Delegate in Saigon appear convinced that Ngo Dinh Nhu desires to work things out with the US.

(In a recent conversation with a US official, both men expressed the view, apparently on the basis of contact with Nhu, that Madame Nhu is ready to leave the country for a time in order to "save face" for the United States.

(However, the Italian Ambassador also believes that Nhu is basically anti-American and that his policy has long been one of ultimate neutralization and unifi-He and the Apostolic Delegate both cation of Vietnam. referred to rumors that Nhu is "in touch" with the North.

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25X1 Nhu boasted in a

recent meeting with general officers of his contacts

with the North. high North Viet-

namese officials state they have contacts with their South Vietnamese counterparts,

the French provide channels for such

contacts.)

Nhu has hinted in the past of contacts within the Viet Cong and he is also known to have a long-range interest in a unified Vietnam. Nhu may believe that in the course of time the forces of Vietnamese nationalism will loosen Hanoi's ties with Communist China and open up the possibility of negotiations to-

ward a reunited Vietnam.

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### NOTES

Cambodia - South Vietnam: / Both South Vietnam

and Cambodia have expressed a desire to continue normal commercial and economic activities despite the break in their diplomatic relations on 27 August.

According to the departing South Vietnamese representative, Saigon will not close the Mekong River-Cambodia's primary international trade route--un-

less Prince Sihanouk takes further action, such as

recognizing North Vietnam.

Saudi Arabia: (The Saudi minister of defense in a conversation with the British ambassador threatened to consider purchasing arms from the Soviet bloc if they are not available from Western sources. Although this appears to be primarily a pressure tactic to secure British surface-to-air missiles, it could indicate that the Saudis are considering diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union. Jordan's agreement with the USSR on 21 August to establish such relations leaves Saudi Arabia the only Middle Eastern nation without diplomatic ties with Moscow.)

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